Maternity and Health Centres in Gujarat

662. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Maternity and Health Care Centres functioning in Gujarat at present:

(b) the number of such Centres opened during 1994-95;

(c) whether Government propose to open new maternity and Health Care Centres during the year 1995-96;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any foreign assistance is being provided for these Centres; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Maternity and health care are provide through 945 primary health centres, 178 community health centres, 7284 subcentres, 251 rural family welfare centres, 113 urban family welfare centres and 28 urban health posts as well as hospitals. In addition, there are 36 maternity and child health centres, funded by State Government.

(b) to (d) 15 primary health centres, 9 community health centres and nil subcentres are proposed to be opened in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

Diversion of patients to private clinics

663. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Indian Express' of 14th February, 1995 under the caption 'Government doctors diverting patients to private clinics'. and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such incident has come to the notice of the Government.

Suspension/Cancellation of Registration of Doctors in Kidney

664. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many doctors and agents were arrested in kidney racket throughout the country:

(b) cases/FIRs registered in each State in connection with kidney racket as on date, stating the details of each case and the progress made thereof;

(c) in how many cases Medical Council of India did suspend/cancel the registration of concerned doctors;

(d) which were the hospitals that did make arrangements for kidney transplant, in collusion with the doctors and agents, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps against these hospitals and their owners; if so, the details thereof, and

(f) whether any teams from State police/CBI/IB, etc. were sent abroad to probe into the kidney racket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) According to information available with the Government, one doctor was arrested in Karnataka and later on released on bail.

(b) Government of Karnataka has informed that two FIRs have been lodged, naming, one Dr. Siddaraju as an accused on 21.1.95 and 29.1.95 res-

pectively. Dr. Siddaraju was arrested and later on released on bail. Dr. Siddaraju has also been placed under suspension.

(c) Two doctors have been de-registered by the Karnataka Medical Council.

(d) to (f) No such details are available with the Government as State Governments are expected to take further action in this regard.

Agitational activities of Doctors, ETC in AIIMS

665. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few years, incidents of disruption of normal working in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and other hospitals due to agitational activities by doctors, including resident doctors, para-medical staff and other staff members, have been occurring in uprecedented frequency;

(b) the number of occasions the normal functioning at AIIMS got disrupted and the number of days these remained affected during the calender years since 1991 and so far in the current year;

(c) whether Government have conducted any review of the situation at the AIIMS, especially with a view to bringing in improvement therein, *inter alia*, by enforcing effective deterrents against spurt in agitational activties among the doctors and other staff members so that the Institution genuinely serves the purposes for which it was set up;

(d) when such review was carried out and at what level; and

(e) outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prior to the present strike of Resident Doctors since 07-02-1995, there has been one other occasion in August, 1991 when the Resident Doctors went on strike from 22-8-1991 to 29-8-1991. Besides this, there has been no strike by the Doctors, Nurses and other staff since 1991 except for some agitation/dharna by the Nurses during January and September, 1994 which did not have any significant impact on the functioning of the hospital. Due to the current strike by Resident Doctors, there has been a decline in the number of patients however, faculty members are maintaining some of the impotrant hospital services.

(c) to (e) The Government is making all out efforts to improve the functioning of the Institute.

Inquiry into illicit trade in human organs

666. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the illicit trade in human organs, especially the kidney racket unearthed in Karnataka and Bombay.

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof and what action has been taken against the persons and institutions found involved in it;

(c) what legal and administrative steps have been or are being taken to check this inhuman practice;

(d) whether Government would consider appointing a Committee of doctors, officials and responsible citizens of a particular area for giving permission for removal and transplant by the concerned doctors and/or hospitals; and

(e) if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The concerned State Governments are investigating the cases.